

FAMILY DRIVEN

THE HOUSE

Turned Into Street Thursday and
Woman Induced to Go to
Hospital.

CITIZENS ARE COMPLAINING

Declare Place Was Breeding Dis.

case in Every Direction,
Board to Act.

One of the most pitiful cases on record in Richmond came to the attention of the city authorities Thursday, after having been under the eye of the Associated Charities for the past sixty days.

Clinton West, who claims to be a painter by trade, and who admits having a police record, has squandered for drink, it is alleged, not only nearly all the household furniture of his family, but also the groceries furnished by charitable people and the association. His wife, who is suffering from a serious constitutional ailment, which has been pronounced incurable, was still able to get about a little. She refused all medical assistance, and would not permit herself to be taken to any of the hospitals for treatment. There are two bright children—Virginia, aged eight, and Robert, aged five.

The family have been living over 123 East Main Street in two rooms. The rear room was entirely dark and reeking in conditions that are simply unspeakable. The entrance was from the back in the rear, the pathway through the yard and over their heads, and was even a more horrible state than the hotel.

Feeling that there was no charity in continuing such conditions longer, and that the woman needed medical attention and more healthy surroundings, Superintendent Buchanan refused to interfere with the execution of a distress warrant on Thursday morning. Deputy Constable Crowder entered the house.

hold furniture for the past due rent, and practically put the family in the street.

Taken to Hospital.
Mrs. Wren, representing the Associated Charities, was on hand, however, and succeeded in showing Mrs. West that the only thing for her to do was to go to the City Hospital, where she was taken by Mrs. Wren in a cab, the woman declining the services of the city ambulance.

dressed in clean clothes for the first time in some months, and are now in

Constantine Crowder's duties were light, as he had only to move a press, two tables and a few cooking utensils. The woman pathetically said that the man

The case has been one of the most difficult that the mission workers have

The mission workers who have come here from other cities say most positively that such conditions would not be tolerated in the great cities of the North, and are urgent in their demands for city ordinances providing for an inspection of the tenements.

Dr. Ernest C. Levy when asked if

he had any information as to the conditions complained of stated that no information had been lodged with him nor complaint filed, but that he would be glad to look into the matter. He stated that he would consider the inquiry as a complaint, and directed one of his subordinates to make a memorandum of the address given, and make inquiry into the matter.

ON POTATO LEAVES

MISSIONARY WRITES FURTHER ABOUT CONDITIONS IN CHINA—THE NEW "LAPSLEY."

field received at the office of the Central Presbyterian yesterday were letters from

Rev. Mr. Vass writes under date of December 5th, from the upper Congo, reporting the progress of the first trip up the river of the new mission steamer, the Lapsley, the letter being sent back where the Lapsley was several days above the mouth of the Kasai River, which is the danger point, where the old Lapsley was wrecked. All were reported well.

though progress was slow with the heavy load of passengers and freight and the strong current.

Dr. James B. Woods writes from Tsiang-Kang-Pu, China, January 15th, referring to the famine situation. He says the great camp of refugees about the city has been broken up by the authorities on account of the spread of diseases, the people being sent home, where in many cases they are in actual starvation. The only thing they have to eat is sweet potato leaves, with sometimes a little grain thrown in. Dr. Woods reports

that the Chinese officials are inefficient and somewhat disposed to throw obsta-

ries in the war zone. Under instructions from the Presbyterian Committee on Foreign Missions in this country, Dr. Woods, in the face of many difficulties, is devoting himself to ministering to the starving multitudes. The Central Presbyterian, which has been conducting a famine relief fund, has forwarded to Dr. Woods \$347.55 up to this time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 22.—A bill was introduced in the House to-

day granting to the Norfolk and Washington Air Line Railway Company the right to enter the District of Columbia. The bill was introduced by Representative Schneebeli, of Pennsylvania.

It is said that the Baltimore and Ohio is behind the scheme to build a

company is organized under the laws of Maryland.

Lamson to Coach North Carolina
CHAPEL HILL, N. C., February 22.—The University of North Carolina Athletic Association has just engaged O. F. Lamson, the ex-University of Pennsylvania star, to coach the football team for the season of 1907.

READ THE LETTER FROM MECKLENBURG

IN TO-DAY'S PAPER